

RAWLINGS THUGS' TRIAL TOMORROW

Quartet of Feudists and Hired Assassin Before the Supreme Court.

TRIED TO MURDER FAMILY

Sentenced to Die for the Murder of William Carter's Children.

Argument will be heard by the Supreme Court of the United States tomorrow, from Attorney John R. Cooper, of Jackson, Ga., who is fighting for the lives of five men now under sentence of death in Georgia. Attorney General John C. Hart, representing the State of Georgia, has no reason for believing the supreme tribunal of the country will do otherwise than sustain the judge who sentenced the quartet to the gallows, and will submit the case in a brief, filed with the clerk some weeks ago.

Just Escaped Lynching.

Attorney Cooper represents John G. Rawlings, his two sons, Milton and Jesse Rawlings, Alf Moore, and Frank Turner, the last two being colored men. They were convicted of having planned to exterminate the family of William Carter in Valdosta, Ga., and of having killed two children on the night of August 13, 1905. Feeling ran high against the Rawlings and the two colored men and to avert a possible lynching a special session of the court was held. Two weeks after the crime the five men were sentenced to die on the scaffold.

The case was taken to the highest courts in Georgia, and will come before the Supreme Court tomorrow afternoon on a writ of certiorari. The Rawlings contend that their case was not properly conducted, and that their constitutional rights were denied them.

Principals Once Ministers.

The killing of Carter's two children in front of their home was the outgrowth of a bitter feud. William L. Carter and John G. Rawlings had been ministers of the Gospel in Georgia for a number of years. They lived on plantations in the Habersham district and the trouble which caused bad blood between them occurred so long ago that both families have almost forgotten what it was about. For members of the families to meet one another meant a bloody fight, which usually terminated in one or several persons being wounded or maimed.

In August of 1905, Rawlings became so enraged that he plotted to wipe the Carter family out of existence.

A few weeks before the double tragedy, Milton Rawlings, nineteen years old, was tried on a charge of attempting to drown little Willie Carter in a river, near their home. He was acquitted after a long drawn out trial. Immediately after the jury rendered the verdict, John Rawlings, father of the accused, and William Carter, father of the lad said to have been attacked, engaged in a desperate encounter in the court house at Valdosta. Rawlings brought the fight to an end by stabbing Carter repeatedly in the breast and arms, but did not succeed in killing him.

Plot to Exterminate Carters.

Shortly after the acquittal of his son, Rawlings plotted to exterminate the Carters. He offered Frank Turner, it is said, \$100 as payment for the killing of Carter, Mrs. Carter, the daughters Lolla, Lella, Carrie, and a baby girl, as well as the son Willie. Turner referred Rawlings to Alf Moore, a desperate colored man who, it was said, would do anything for a dollar. Rawlings went to work to prepare an alibi for himself. He went to the town of Valdosta and showed himself, making it a point to be seen with prominent men. The execution of his plans was left to his three sons, Milton, nineteen years old; Jesse, seventeen, and Leonard, sixteen, and Alf Moore. William Carter, on the evening of August 13, was surrounded by his wife and children at the dinner table when the four murderers reached a spot about fifty yards from the house. As Moore neared the house the dogs began to bark. Willie, Carrie, and their baby sister ran to the door. Moore pulled both triggers of the gun and sent them to the ground bleeding and unconscious.

Rescues His Children.

The father rushed to the door, seized his wounded son and carried him into the house. The baby was more frightened than hurt, the shot having taken effect in her arms, and she scrambled into the house unassisted.

Lella recognized the face of a fleeing man as that of Milton Rawlings. Investigation showed that the man had a bundle of dry brush and wood in his arms, and intended setting fire to the house. John Rawlings' original plan, the State showed, was to kill the entire family, and then cremate them by burning the house to the ground.

The following morning Willie Carter died. Carrie with her head battered to a pulp and her brains spattered on the ground was found lifeless in a cornfield.

Negro Turned State's Evidence.

Statements by John Rawlings daughters lead to the arrest of Moore, who turned State's evidence. The arrest of John Rawlings, his sons, and Frank Turner soon followed.

The six prisoners were convicted. Because of Leonard's youth, sixteen years, he was sentenced to serve the rest of his life in a penitentiary. The death penalty was imposed on the others.

EXILES LEAVE RUSSIA BY TRAINLOADS DAILY

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 27.—Exiles are leaving Russia by trainloads every day for Siberia. They are all political prisoners whose only crime is discontent with the way Russia is governed and trying to alter it.

Over a thousand prisoners were dispatched from St. Petersburg eastward on one day recently. They were carried in three trains and included a priest, several students, forty-one women and many workmen, soldiers and sailors. The third train carried 500 sailors who were engaged in the mutinies at Cronstadt and Sveaborg.

All but 100 of the rest going to the hard labor districts of Archangel and Vologda.

Georgia Feudists Who Attempted To Kill Family



J. G. RAWLINGS, Father of the Family of Boys-Murderers.



MILTON RAWLINGS, Said to Have Been Most Active in Assassination.



JESSE RAWLINGS, Another Son Implicated in the Carter Massacre.



LEONARD RAWLINGS, Who Received Life Sentence Only Because of His Youth.

WASHINGTON MAN HONORED AT BANKERS' CONVENTION

The thirty-second annual convention of the American Bankers' Association held at St. Louis last week, adopted a resolution to appoint a commission whose duty it shall be to prepare a plan for a more elastic currency system and to secure the passage of a law by Congress to carry the plan into effect. The commission is to consist of fifteen members who are to be appointed by the executive council of the association, five of the fifteen members to be the president legislative committee. Among the members of this committee is W. V. Cox, president of the Second National Bank of this city, who has taken a deep interest in the currency question and whose appointment on the legislative committee is considered one of great honor. His service through the past year was highly appreciated and the convention expressed its approval by a reappointment for another year.

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DONALDSON CLAIMS FULL VINDICATION

Declares Innocence of Connection With Aetna Bank Alleged Fraud.

HOAG ARRESTED IN CHICAGO

District Attorney Baker Says Prosecution Will Be Pushed to Limit.

"I will be vindicated. Mr. McCormick, through his attorney, John Rideout, has made a written statement exonerating me from any connection with the Illinois Security Company, except that of a mere formal signer of the charter."

Raymond S. Donaldson, real estate dealer, who, with E. W. McCormick and his stenographer, Miss Bertha E. T. Kretschmann, was Friday arrested on a charge of conspiracy against the defunct Aetna Banking and Trust Company, made this statement to a representative of The Times last night.

According to Mr. Donaldson, a letter which absolutely frees him from suspicion as one of the conspirators was drawn up by Attorney Rideout yesterday and signed by Mr. McCormick. The letter, it is said, tells that he signed charters of several different companies for Mr. McCormick, but the signing was merely a matter of form. He claims to have never received either stock or money for his services in that line, and that the signature was merely to swell the list of incorporators. Mr. Donaldson said that in thus signing he was not made responsible for any liabilities of the company or that he was not in the real sense of the word connected with it.

Will Be Arraigned Tomorrow.

Mr. Donaldson will be arraigned before the Police Court Monday morning, and on advice of his attorney, Mr. William L. Hoag, will demand a hearing. He thinks he will be able to establish his innocence before Justice Mulwony.

Mr. McCormick and Miss Kretschmann, who were arraigned before the court yesterday, waived the hearing, and were released, McCormick under \$2,000 bond, and Miss Kretschmann on her personal recognizance.

John T. Hoag, cashier of the defunct bank, who is alleged to have given McCormick a false certificate of deposit, by which he made a false affidavit to incorporate, was arrested in Chicago. Detective Burlingame, of the Central office, went to that city yesterday, and will return with Hoag, and he will be given a hearing before the Police Court some day next week.

It was stated by Mr. Donaldson that McCormick left the city last night for Philadelphia. Whether the business that took him there was in connection with the case against him, he could not say.

District Attorney Baker declined to give details relative to the business affairs of Messrs. McCormick, Donaldson, and Hoag, gained from Miss Kretschmann, nor would he say on what subjects she was questioned by the District Attorney.

No Let-Up in Prosecution.

After his interview with Miss Kretschmann, Mr. Baker was asked if there is any truth in the rumor about that probably the criminal proceedings against the persons named would be dropped to await the result of any civil proceedings which may be instituted by the receiver of the defunct concern.

He stated emphatically there will be no let-up in the prosecution. The matter, he said, will be submitted to the jury as early as possible, and will be sifted to the bottom.

From what was learned late yesterday, from a person in a position to know, the investigation relative to the incorporation and organization of the Illinois Securities Company, and the affairs of the Aetna Banking and Trust Company, may extend to and involve others than those already mentioned in connection with the matter.

It is probable there will be no developments in the case until the arrival from Chicago of Detective Burlingame with Mr. Hoag.



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PELTED WITH MONEY WIFE SEEKS DIVORCE



She Drew the Line When Husband Substituted Household Articles.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.—Love was put to a severe test when Mrs. Fannie Elberson, who is suing her husband for divorce, became the target for bank notes rolled in pellets, which were hurled at her with force.

Mrs. Elberson said it was the habit of

her husband to take \$50 and \$100 bills and press them into compact wads, which he would throw at her. She managed to endure this until he took to hurling other things, and she then consulted a lawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elberson are living at the same hotel in this city, but they have separate apartments, and do not speak when they meet.

During the course of her testimony the wife talked so fast that Judge Spencer repeatedly cautioned her to slow up. She replied that it was impossible; it was her nature to talk fast.

Mr. Elberson explains that this is one reason for the separation.

SECOND REGIMENT BEATS BELVIDERES

BALTIMORE, Oct. 28.—In a well-played game of basketball between the Belvidere team, of this city, and the Second Regiment, of Washington, D. C., tonight at Cross Street Hall, the locals were defeated 23 to 35. The game was spectacular and the audience of several hundred were enthusiastic in their interest.

The playing of C. Schuerholz and Smith, of the Belvidere team, and Bopp and White, of the visitors, were the features.

The line-up—Belvideres: C. Schuerholz, F. A. Smith, E. Granger, C. W. Schuerholz, D. Pearson, D. Second Regiment: Bopp, F.; Hubbard, F.; Schlosser, F.; Reges, C.; Scroggins, D.; White, D.

HOODOO PURSUES PEER IN CAREER ON TRACK

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The loss of his horse Winwick as the result of an accident while running in the Cesarewitch, shows that the "hoodoo" of the Earl of Ellesmere in racing is still unbroken.

This noble earl is one of the unluckiest owners on the English turf. He has spent a fortune on the sport, but very few of his prizes have been captured by him. In the Derby, the Oaks, the Goodwood Cup and the One Thousand Guineas stakes the disappointment of second place has been his.

Though the "donkey" of the English turf, he is at the same time one of the most important and powerful men in the racing world to-day.

Tots in Strange Land Without Mother's Care

Little Children of Siamese Charge d'Affaires, Whose Wife Died Soon After Arrival Here, Cannot Realize Loss.

In the many announcements which have recently been made of deaths affecting the Diplomatic Corps there is none more pathetic than the circumstances surrounding the recent death of Mrs. Ratanayapi, wife of the charge d'affaires of the Siamese legation, which occurred more than a week ago.

On October 3 Mr. Ratanayapi arrived in Washington with his wife and three children. Today he is here plunged in grief, and the three little ones are left motherless. Considerable pathos attaches to the entire story.

The family came to Washington on October 3 and just a week later Mrs. Ratanayapi became ill. In nine days she was dead. Not a word of her illness was made known outside the immediate attendants. The body was taken to Rock Creek Cemetery, and placed in a receiving vault, where it will remain until being cremated.

Three little children are consequently left motherless in a strange land. Whether welcome will be extended to the little ones, thousands of miles from every one to whom they are dear, is some-

thing that time will prove. At any rate they have round friends among a few who know their pathetic story, and who have come forward with little attentions that cannot fail to please the grief-stricken father.

The youngest child is a baby of eight-months, who has been placed in charge of a competent nurse, who wheels her charge about every bright afternoon. She takes great pride in telling those she meets that the little one is the baby of the charge d'affaires of the Siamese legation, and the cheery little face beneath the folds of a fluffy lace cap beams with good nature in the little owner's blissful ignorance of her great loss.

When the terrible blow came to him, Mr. Ratanayapi was all at sea. He did not know whether to remain at his post or return to his native land. But after mature consideration he determined to remain in Washington for the present and the little motherless children will be kept here until other plans can be made for their future.

BERLIN PREMIER CITY IN 50 YEARS, PROPHECY

German Statistician Says New York Will Be Only Serious Rival in 1956.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Berlin will be the greatest city on earth, fifty years hence, according to the calculations of Herr Ohmke, a noted statistician. Its population will be in the neighborhood of 2,000,000, its only serious rival will be New York.

In a pamphlet he has written to set forth this prophetic theory, Herr Ohmke says that the population of Berlin is increasing more rapidly than that of any European city except Budapest, Hungary. Today Greater Berlin contains over 2,000,000 inhabitants. This rapid growth, he says, with Berlin's political and commercial importance, will place the Prussian capital ahead of London, Paris, and New York. He calculates that London in 1956 will only have 1,600,000 inhabitants.

AERONAUT ZEPPELIN MAKES FINAL TRIAL

Count, Now Seventy Years Old, Has Spent Entire Fortune on Airship Experiments.

BERLIN, Oct. 27.—Count Zeppelin is making his final attempt to make a practical airship. His former failures have swallowed up his entire fortune and occupied forty years of his life. The expenses of his last airship were borne by the contributions of friends.

In the presence of the King and Queen of Wurtemberg the count's invention made its first ascent on Lake Constance. The trial was satisfactory as far as it went, but further tests are necessary to prove whether Count Zeppelin has succeeded this time.

If he fails he will abandon his attempts and acknowledge his life wasted. Count Zeppelin is now seventy years of age and nearly destitute.

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